THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The gas supplies to NTPC's gas based power plants at Kawas and Gandhar have been less than the requirement. The estimated gas requirement to operate these two plants at 90% PLF is around 6.23 Million Metric Standard Cubic Meter per Day (MMSCMD). There are long-term agreements with Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) for supply of 3.69 MMSCMD of gas for these gas based stations. However, owing to shortage of gas in India, the delivered quantities have fallen short of the contracted quantities. During April-November, 2008, the actual supply has been 1.94 MMSCMD only. The gas shortfall is being partially mitigated by tying up Spot Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) from time to time based on requirement and availability of Spot RLNG. Shortage of gas is being made up to some extent by supplementing liquid fuel (Naphtha) in Kawas.

(c) The installed capacity and generation capacity of these plants are as follows:—

Station	Gross installed capacity (MW)	Actual Power Generation (MUs) — April-November, 2008
Kawas	656.2	2166.3
Gandhar	657.39	2678.1

(d) Requests have been received for increasing gas supply to Kawas and Gandhar along with other gas power stations of NTPC and it has been decided that from the first 40 MMSCMD of natural gas to be produced from RIL's KG D6 field, up to 18 MMSCMD natural gas, being the partial requirement of gas based power plants lying idle/underutilized and likely to be commissioned during 2008-09, and liquid fuel plants, which are now running on liquid fuel and could switch over to natural gas, would be supplied to power plants. Kawas and Gandhar are in this category and have been considered for the above supply.

Rates for purchase and sale of power

†2263. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the power regulators have proposed to fix two maximum rates for purchase and sale of electricity in the Indian Energy Exchange;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the basis on which these rates have been fixed; and

(c) the percentage of these rates in terms of average cost of electricity generation at nation level in hydel, thermal and atomic power sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir. The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) in its Order dated 17.12.2008 on "measures for restraining the prices of electricity in short term sale/trading" has not fixed any ceiling of tariff for any entity including the Indian Energy Exchange.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.